THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) For Annual Plan 2003-04 of Orissa, Central Assistance of Rs. 3813.95 crore is proposed to be provided in addition to the assistance given to the State under Central Plan and Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

Objectives of National Population Policy

2045. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the medium-term objective set in the National Population Policy (NPP) to achieve the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) at 2.1 level by 2010 would restrict our population to 111.90 crore by 2011, whereas, the Planning Commission target to restrict population growth during 2001-11 to 16.2 per cent would result in a population size exceeding 119 core;

(b) what such higher target of Planning Commission, which might also negate the long-term objective in the NPP for a stable population by 2045, is attributable to; and

(c) whether Planning Commission has drawn the target in consultation with National Commission on population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The medium-term objective of the National Population Policy (NPP) 2000 is to achieve the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) 2.1 by 2010. The population projections used in the NPP document were based on the 1991 census data. Assuming that the TFR 2.1 would be achieved by the year 2010, the NPP projected the population for 2010 at 110.07 crore. However, the 2001 census has shown that the actual population had exceeded the projections made in the NPP. The Planning Commission has set a target to bring down decadal population growth to 16.2% between 2001 and 2011. This target is consistent with the medium-term and long-term objectives set in the NPP. If this target is achieved, the population of the country will be around 119.3 crore by the year 2011. The Tenth Plan demographic targets have been made in consultation with the National Commission

on Population and after taking into consideration the actual population growth recorded by census 2001.

Transfer of Centrally Sponsored Schemes to States

2046. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Development Council had decided that Centrally Sponsored schemes would be transferred to States from the Tenth Plan so that States could get flexibility to plan, based on their specific requirement;

(b) if so, whether the said decision has been implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) No, Sir. No definite decision in this regard has been taken. However, in pursuance of the decision taken in the meeting of National Development Council (NDC) held in February, 1999, a committee of the NDC on Transfer of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) was set up under the Chairmanship of Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. The Ministers of Finance, Agriculture, Human Resource Development and Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution and Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal are members of the Committee. The terms of the Reference of the Committee are:

1. To identify the CSS for retention by the Centre and those for transfer to the States/UTs and to classify all the CSS accordingly.

2. For those CSS which will be identified for transfer to the States/ UTs, suggest the modalities of transfer including earmarking, the funding pattern, the time frame for the transfer and the monitoring mechanism.

3. In order to avoid future proliferation of CSS lay down the criteria for the introduction of new CSS.

The term of the NDC Committee is up to 31 st August, 2003.